

## Monthly Meeting | ●●●●●●●●●●

**January 21, 2009 | Wed. 11:30 a.m.**

The luncheon this month will be held at **The Montgomery Country Club** in the Colonial Room.

This is the Chapter's annual Past-Presidents luncheon where we the members express our gratitude to those who have given their time and effort serving on the Chapter's Executive Committee. This year's Committee members would like to offer a special invitation to all past president to join us. This year meeting will begin at 11:30 with an open bar and a few minutes for everyone to socialize with a few past presidents prior to lunch being served at noon.

Our January luncheon has also been the time that the Chapter's business for the new year is conducted. The Chapter's new President, **Freddie Lynn** will open the meeting and conduct the business at hand including the introduction of the 2009 Executive Committee, the presentation of Chapter's financial budget for the new year, and a discussion of the upcoming events and goals of the Chapter. We encourage everyone to be present and to offer their thoughts and goals for our Chapter. The Committee is here to serve you - the Chapter members.

At the conclusion of the luncheon a name will be drawn from all those in attendance to receive a \$50 Carrabba's Italian Grill gift card along with a group photo of all past presidents in attendance.

## Sponsor | ●●●●●●●●●●

The January meeting is being sponsored by **Capital Brick Company of Montgomery**.

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## President's Message | ●●●●

Greetings fellow AIA members. I am honored to begin my term as President of the Montgomery Chapter. I certainly have some big shoes to fill. Our 2008 President, Doug McNab, did an outstanding job of leading and re-energizing our board and this Chapter. Thanks Doug.

Three years ago when Ray Williams and Doug asked (coerced) me to become involved, we held a series of meetings to discuss our view of the Chapter and what our goals would be for the coming year. We came to the conclusion that any goals we set for our individual terms would be too small and that if we really wanted to accomplish something big, we would need to develop a common set of goals that could be accomplished across several board tenures. 2008 was a great example of what can be accomplished when we all share the same vision. Many thanks to Doug, Stephen and George for getting the ball rolling. But we are not done yet!

Last week I received a call from Charlie Moss, AIA congratulating me as incoming President and informing me that I was now an "ex-officio" board member of the "Alabama Architectural Foundation" (Surprise No. 1) and that my attendance was needed at the AAF Board Meeting and Strategic Planning Session in Birmingham on Friday (Surprise No. 2). I, like many of you, really did not have a clue about what the Alabama Architectural Foundation is about or what it does, other than they sell nice coffee table books about Alabama Architecture and Communities. I was pleasantly surprised to find out that the AAF Board is made up of many distinguished architects, architectural educators and individual professionals from across the state. They have been able to accomplish an incredible amount of good work, such as publishing two very nice books, providing speakers to interested groups across the state and providing loans and scholarships to students pursuing a degree in architecture. All of this is accomplished without a membership base and through the efforts of a relatively small group of individuals.

The planning session was very enjoyable and was run by a professional facilitator. Many ideas were discussed as the group tried to determine

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what the mission and make up of the AAF should be. One buzzword mentioned several times was “engage” - engage the public, engage the profession. I expect to hear great things from the AAF this year as they develop and implement their plan.

I believe that our Montgomery Chapter AIA is also due for some introspection. What should the goal of our local AIA be? I've already mentioned several goals accomplished last year, but are those goals really the goals of the Chapter as a whole or just the individuals who happen to be in office? Have we adequately embraced the goals and themes of our National AIA organization? Over the next several months, I hope that we, as a Chapter, can work to develop a strategic plan that will benefit each of us in our profession and “engage” the AIA with the communities in which we work, live and play.

I look forward to serving this Chapter and to working with all of our members.

Freddie E. Lynn, Jr., AIA  
President



Dr. Richard K. Dozier, AIA (left) Head of the Department of Architecture and Construction Science at Tuskegee University and Major L. Holland, AIA.



Jury Chairman and special guest Michael Gamble, AIA of G+G Architects of Atlanta, GA.

## December Meeting Recap | ●●●●●●

The December's meeting was the Inaugural Design Awards Gala at the Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center. There were 12 strong design submittals. From the projects submitted by our chapter members the following five projects were recognized for awards (see January newsletter for pictures of each winning project).

### Honor Award

United States Court House in Montgomery  
Barganier Davis Sims Architects

### Merit Award

Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center  
Goodwyn Mills Cawood, L.L.C.

The House on Turtle Creek  
Hinson & Dagg Architects

### Honorable Mention

Southern Poverty Law Center Office Building  
Goodwyn Mills Cawood, L.L.C.

The Barganier Residence  
Barganier Davis Sims Architects.

### Member's Choice Award

The House on Turtle Creek  
Hinson & Dagg Architects

Congratulations to all winners and special thanks to **Alagasco** for sponsoring the Gala. The Committee was also like to express their gratitude to all that attended the event and made it a bigger success than we ever anticipated. We are already planning for bigger and better things for this year's Gala.



Chapter President Doug McNab (right) presenting Lee Sims, AIA with the Honor Award for The United States Court House.

## Announcements | ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

The **Alabama Council of the American Institute of Architects Design Awards Gala** is scheduled for Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2009 at B & A Warehouse in Birmingham, Alabama. For additional information contact the Council at 334.262.3037 or visit [aiaalabama.org](http://aiaalabama.org).

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At the start of the upcoming new year, the Chapter Board Members will look into upgrading the Chapter's web site with additional features that will benefit its members. We would like to hear from our members any suggestions and requests that you may have. One suggestion that we are looking into is the development of a page that would provide a listing of all upcoming CEU seminars that are available in our area. Also we are hoping to program the web site to send an automatic reminder to all members when the monthly newsletter has been loaded on the web site and available for viewing. If you have additional recommendations, please submit them to any of the board members during the month of January. The Chapter Board will be reviewing the development of Committees for 2009 year to assist in the Chapter's goals for the year.

Committees currently under review are as follows:

- Draw Montgomery Art Competition
- 2009 Design Award Gala
- New Membership
- University Relations
- Benefit Golf Tournament

Please consider participating in a committee to insure the growth of our Chapter. If you know of an event for 2009 or a possible committee that you would like to see developed by our Chapter please contact any of the board members.

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The Chapter web site will be upgraded to include an Award Gala Gallery. The gallery will include all the submitted photographs of the winners of this year Gala and those of future winners. In conjunction with this upgrade the revolving photo gallery on the web site will also be changed to include those projects that were submitted for the Award Gala.

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The Auburn University College of Architecture, Design and Construction will hold a memorial service to honor the life and memory of **Dean Emeritus Keith McPheeters, FAIA**, who died at the age of 84 on September 21. The service is scheduled for Thursday, February 5 at 2:00 pm in the Auburn University Chapel located at the corner of South College Street and Thatch Avenue (across the street from Samford Hall).

## Upcoming Events | ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

January 21

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon  
Annual Past-Presidents Luncheon**  
The Montgomery Country Club  
Montgomery, AL

January 29

**Alabama Council AIA Awards Gala**  
B & A Warehouse  
Birmingham, AL

February 4 - 7

**Grassroots 2009**  
Washington D.C.

February 5

**Memorial Service Dean Emeritus Keith McPheeters, FAIA**  
Auburn University Chapel  
Auburn, AL

February 18

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon**  
TBA

March 18

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon**  
TBA

April 15

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon**  
TBA

May

**Draw Montgomery Award Ceremony**  
Armory Learning Arts Center  
Montgomery, AL

May 20

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon**  
TBA

June 17

**Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon**  
TBA